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Dear Diana and Paul - congratulations and thank you for stepping in to bridge the relationships and work, until a permanent Regional Administrator is named. The work Region 3 does is critical to our success, so we certainly want to keep the momentum developed over the years, particularly with the Chesapeake Bay WIP3. Please let me know if there anything you need from the Pa Department of Agriculture or the ag community, and I'll try help.

All the best, Russell

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**From:** Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>  
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Dear Secretary Redding,

At the January 20, 2021<sup>st</sup> inauguration, Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris were sworn in as the president and vice-president of the United States. With the change of administrations, I have the honor of serving as the acting regional administrator for EPA Region 3 until a permanent regional administrator is named.

I have asked Paul Leonard, Director of the Superfund and Emergency Management Division, to assume the deputy regional administrator responsibilities. Paul is knowledgeable and already on top of many issues, having him by my side during the transition will be of tremendous assistance.

I hope to build on existing relationships and prepare a solid foundation for the permanent regional administrator when she/he is named and assumes the role. I plan to continue regular meetings so that we can discuss matters impacting your state. I look forward to working with you in this new role and to continuing the dialogue that has occurred between Region 3 and the states in the past.

Thank you,  
Diana

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